

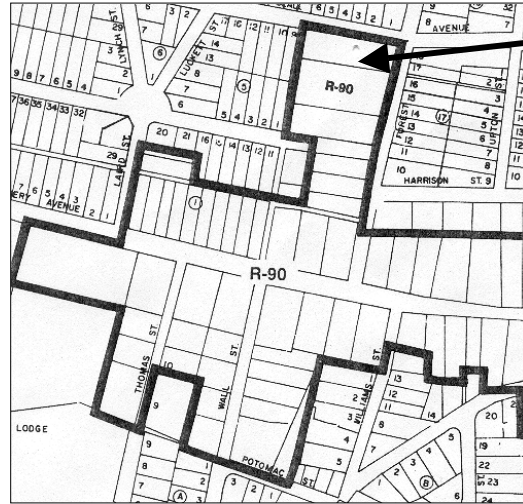
**CITY OF ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

**January 16, 2003
MEETING NO. 01-03**

APPLICATION: HDC03-0231

DATE FILED: January 6, 2003

**APPLICANTS/
OWNERS:** William F. and Paula Jacob
112 Forest Ave.
Rockville, MD 20850



Subject

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Presbyterian Manse, at 112 Forest Avenue, is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Forest and Beall Avenues, facing east. It is a 2 ½-story Victorian house. It was built in 1890-91 and served as the official residence of the pastor of the Rockville Presbyterian Church for approximately a century. It is now a private home.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS AT THIS ADDRESS:

HDC94-0054	Shed relocation, approved 9/6/94
HDC94-0058	Dead tree removal, approved 9/2/94
HDC95-0078	Tree removal, approved 3/19/96
HDC00-0170	Roof replacement, porch repair, storm window replacement, approved 9/21/00
HDC01-0199	Remove 3 trees, relocate driveway, re-grade lot, approved 9/19/01

REQUEST: The Applicants request a Certificate of Approval to install a wooden lamppost and a lantern in the front yard, adjacent to the brick walkway. (The post has already been installed.)

112 Forest Avenue
Lamppost



1. Historic, archeological, or architectural value and significance of the site or structure and its relationship to the historic, archeological, or architectural significance of the surrounding area.

The house at 112 Forest Avenue is a contributing resource to the West Montgomery Avenue Historic District. As the Presbyterian Manse, it reflects the growth of the Presbyterian congregation in Rockville during the latter half of the 19th century and its continuing cultural and physical presence in the West End during the 20th century.

2. The relationship of the exterior architectural features of the structure to the remainder of the entire structure and to the surrounding area.

The original front lawn and vista of the house was restored when the Applicants relocated the driveway from Forest Avenue to Beall Avenue. The City recently replaced the public sidewalk in front of the house, which is several inches higher than the old sidewalk, requiring the Applicants to install a step down to their front walkway. The area is currently not lighted and poses a safety hazard. The lamppost will be approximately 11 feet from the public sidewalk. It will not detract from the architectural features of the structure or the surrounding area.

3. The general compatibility of exterior design, scale, proportion, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used

The lamppost will match the front porch columns and will be painted dark brown to match the original house trim color. The lantern was selected for its historic appearance as a gas lantern. It will have an antique bronze finish and seeded and water glass panels. The lantern is 17 ¼ inches tall and 7 ¼ inches wide.



Lamppost will be painted dark brown



Location of step and lamppost

4. To any other factors, including aesthetic factors, which the Commission deems to be pertinent.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the HDC approve HDC03-0231 and permit installation of the lamppost and lantern as described in the application.